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L.D. 1184

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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 427, L.D. 1184, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Adequate Medical Services for Victims of Rape, Gross Sexual Misconduct or Sexual Abuse."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Establish an Information and Referral Service for Medically Indigent Victims of Rape, Gross Sexual Misconduct, Incest or Sexual Abuse.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'22 MRSA §3186 is enacted to read:

§3186. Medical and social services referral service

The department shall establish and maintain an information and referral service for medically indigent persons who become pregnant as a result of rape, gross sexual misconduct, incest or sexual abuse. The information and referral service shall include a list of medical and social services available from state and private sources, including, but not limited to, counseling services, shelter, maternal health care, a list of physicians who have voluntarily agreed to provide to Medicaid eligible victims, pro bono, medical services not available from Medicaid and other applicable medical or social services.

This information shall also be made available to rape crisis centers, family planning agencies and other appropriate organizations.

In addition to the medical and social services

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1 information provided, the department shall strongly
2 encourage and counsel each person receiving this in-
3 formation to report the rape, gross sexual miscon-
4 duct, incest or sexual abuse to the appropriate au-
5 thorities for criminal prosecution and shall assist
6 that person in making the report, if requested.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This amendment replaces the bill. It provides an
9 information and referral service for medically indi-
10 gent persons who have become pregnant as a result of
11 rape, gross sexual misconduct, incest or sexual
12 abuse. As a part of this service, the Department of
13 Human Services will provide a list of medical and so-
14 cial services available to these individuals from the
15 State and private sources. Each person receiving the
16 information will be strongly counseled and urged to
17 report the crime to the appropriate authorities.

18 The information provided by the department shall
19 also be made available to rape crisis centers, family
20 planning agencies and other appropriate organiza-
21 tions.

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Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Human Resources.

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